

Unilateral hearing loss

A guide for parents and carers



Ear Care and Audiology Services

patient**information**



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Slovak

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Slovensky

Kurdish Sorani

کوردی سۆرانی
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Arabic

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Urdu

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اگر آپ یا آپ کے جاننے والے کسی شخص کو اس دستاویز کو سمجھنے یا پڑھنے کیلئے مدد کی ضرورت ہے تو برائے مہربانی مندرجہ بالا نمبر پر ہم سے رابطہ کریں یا ہمیں ای میل کریں۔

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فارسی
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If you require this document in another language, large print, braille, audio or easyread format, please ask our healthcare providers*

*Note to healthcare providers:

Translated / easyread healthcare information can be sourced via the **Easyread websites** listed at the back of this leaflet or via contacting our translation service which can be accessed through the Hub.

The hearing tests done today show that your child has a unilateral (one sided) hearing loss.

What does this mean?

This means that your child's hearing is within normal range in one of their ears, but the other ear is not hearing as well as it should be.

Will this hearing loss be permanent?

It is dependent on the type of hearing loss on the affected side they have. If it is sensorineural in nature then yes.

How will this affect my child?

The good news is that most children with this type of hearing loss, generally, manage really well. Children with a unilateral hearing loss normally cope very well, and make the best of their good ear.

Speech and language usually develop in the normal way. However, children may have problems with:

- hearing distant or quiet speech
- knowing where sounds are coming from
- hearing speech when they are somewhere noisy.

What treatment may be suggested?

The audiologist will have discussed with you different treatment options based on your child's hearing loss. It is important that your child has regular hearing checks, so that we can ensure that the child's better ear remains good.

Glue ear is a condition which can temporarily mean that your child's hearing is poorer than normal. Your child will be referred to a specialist if this is the case, or if there is any of changes which require their input.

A hearing aid may be beneficial. The type of aid, and when this is implemented will depend on how well your child is managing and on their development.

What should I do if my child's hearing gets worse?

If you (and/or your child) notice any changes in hearing level then you must contact us to arrange an appointment as soon as possible.

Is there anything I can do to help my child?

Yes. Ways in which you can help your child include:

1. Make sure that your child has a clear view of your face when you are talking to him/her and speak clearly. This is the same for teachers at school.
2. Try to keep background noise to a minimum when talking to your child.
3. Make sure everyone who spends time with your child is aware that he or she may have difficulty with hearing, particularly in noisy surroundings.
4. When at school make sure that your child sits with their better ear towards the teacher, or near the front of the class.
5. Protect their hearing: use ear protectors as advised.
6. Encourage use of their hearing aid (if this has been provided for your child).

What should I do if I have any further questions?

If you have any questions about the results of the assessment or this leaflet then please call Ear Care and Audiology on **01709 423415** and ask to speak to an Audiologist.

You can also write them down and we'll discuss them at your next appointment.

Have a look at the NDCS (National Deaf Children Society) Website at **www.NDCS.org.uk**

How to contact us

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Rotherham Community Health Centre

Greasbrough Road
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Rotherham Hospital Switchboard

Telephone 01709 820000

Useful contact numbers

**If it's not an emergency,
please consider using a
Pharmacy or call NHS 111
before going to A&E.**

Action on Hearing Loss

Telephone/Textphone:

01709 514268

Sensory Services Department

Telephone 01709 822330

Connevens

Telephone 01737 247571

NHS 111 Service

Telephone 111

Health Info

Telephone 01709 427190

Stop Smoking Service

Telephone 01709 422444

UECC (A&E)

Telephone 01709 424455

**For GP out of hours,
contact your surgery**

Useful websites

www.NDCS.org.uk

www.earcarecentre.com

www.therotherhamft.nhs.uk

www.nhs.uk

www.gov.uk

www.patient.co.uk

www.connevens.co.uk

www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk

www.tinnitus.org.uk

Easyread websites

www.easyhealth.org.uk

www.friendlyresources.org.uk

www.easy-read-online.co.uk

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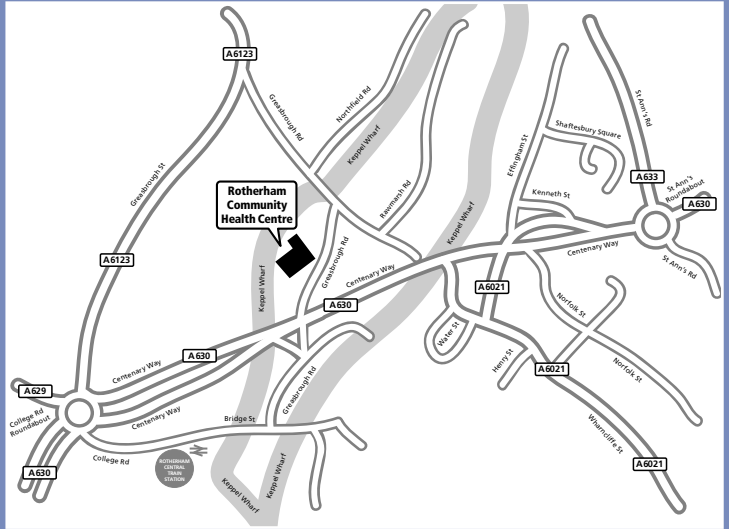
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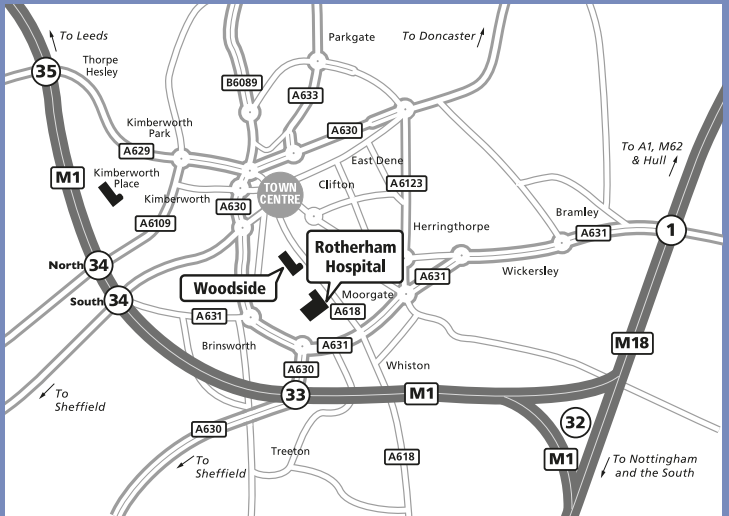
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